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Re Application of: Yukio KATO *et al.*

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 9) dated December 19, 2001, kindly
enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5-6 with the following amended
paragraph:

Fig. 1 is a view showing a nucleic acid nucleotide sequence of CDEP cDNA
(SEQ ID NO: 1), and an amino acid sequence deduced therefrom (SEQ ID NO: 2), in
which ezrin-like domain is indicated by an open frame, DBL homology (DH) domain is
underlined, pleckstrin homology (PH) domain is double-underlined, an asterisk
downstream from a protein coding region represents a stop codon, a poly(A) addition
signal is indicated by a dashed line, and a poly(A) addition site is indicated by a triangle;

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